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**INTERPRETATION**

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Table 7.4.10.6.C.

## Question:

Where a building drain and building sewer are connected to a private sewage disposal system does Sentence 7.4.9.4.(1) require a minimum 4 inch pipe downstream of the building cleanout?

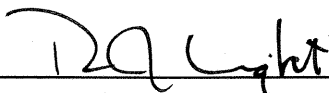
## Interpretation:

No

Sentence 7.4.9.4.(1) requires a minimum 4 inch building drain and sewer only where the sewer connects to a public sewer system and does not mention a private sewage disposal system.

The restrictions of Article 7.4.9.2. apply where the building drain and building sewer connect to a public sewer system or a private sewage disposal system which includes Sentence 7.4.9.2.(2) that requires a 4 inch pipe where the building drain and building sewer serves more than 2 water closets

Where the building drain and building sewer are not in conflict with Article 7.4.9.2 they would be sized in accordance with Table 7.4.10.6.C.



R. J. Light, Committee Chair

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